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Mr. Watts:

I would not venture an opinion with respect to those parts of Colonel Kelsey's memorandum which deal with satellites of the Soviet Union.

As to the Soviet Union itself, while I doubt that its structure is in fact monolithic and without exploitable fissures, I question the accuracy of paragraph (f), page 2, of the memorandum in the case of the Red Army.

It was my impression, when I served in the U.S.S.R., that the military machine was politically indoctrinated, infested with political Commissars, and the prey of the same stresses of suspicion and fear that stultified the rest of the country. This may no longer be true (if it ever was), because of the disruptive and possibly educational effects of the last war.

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